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Recognizing the need to reinvigorate the Nation's civilian space program, in January 2004, President Bush outlined a vision for space exploration.

Besides broadening our scientific understanding of the universe, space exploration benefits include the development of new technologies, which have everyday applications to improve the quality of life. Space exploration activities also have a major positive impact on the economy, creating numerous jobs, especially here in California and Los Angeles County, which have been leaders in the aerospace industry. According to the California Space Authority, in FFY 2004, there were nearly \$3.5 billion in direct NASA contracts to businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations in the State. The County's economy also benefits from the presence of two NASA centers – the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena and the Dryden Flight Research Center on Edwards Air Force Base.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Executive Office to send a five-signature letter communicating the Board's support for increased funding for NASA in Federal Fiscal Year 2006, as requested by President Bush to the County's Congressional delegation.

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